



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

2013 Ranking Period 1

Animal Enhancement Activity—KS-ANM36

Enhance wildlife habitat on expired tree covered CRP acres or acres with similar woody cover managed as forestland

Kansas Criteria for National Animal Enhancement Activity—ANM36

1. Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a wildlife biologist will be consulted to complete a Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP).
2. Through NRCS, a Kansas Forest Service (KFS) district forester may be requested to complete a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP). The WHMP will be incorporated into the FSP and used for conservation practice planning.
3. Wildlife species benefiting from habitat management include but are not limited to the following:
 - Northern bobwhite quail
 - Fox and gray squirrels
 - Cotton tailed rabbits
 - Eastern wood rat
 - Coyote
 - Gray fox
 - Striped skunk
 - Bobcat
 - Tree nesting birds and neotropical migrants
 - Turkey
 - White-footed mouse
 - Opossum
 - Porcupine
 - Red fox
 - Raccoon
 - Eastern spotted skunk
 - White-tailed deer
4. Retain existing snags or create new snags of at least three/acre. If creating new snags, one from each of these snag groups is recommended: >20 inches diameter breast-height (DBH), 10 to 20 inches DBH, and 6 to 10 inches DBH. If snag trees are not available from a particular group, additional snag trees can be created in one of the other groups.
5. Refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 666, Forest Stand Improvement, for guidance on manipulating species composition.
6. Refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 660, Tree/Shrub Pruning, for methods and guidance to proper tree pruning.
7. If additional trees/shrubs are needed to increase diversity, refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment, for design assistance.